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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 30 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.30 a.m.

consultations of the whole
(closed)

Consultation Room

Briefing by Mr. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, on his recent trip to the Sudan and Somalia

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.

72nd PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina: draft resolution (A/53/L.55) [41]
2. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/694) [12]
3. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/464/Add.2) [118]

3 p.m.

73rd PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [39]:

- (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/53/35)
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/652)
- (c) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.48, A/53/L.49, A/53/L.50 and A/53/L.51)

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference Room 8

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bojer (Denmark)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-
6 p.m.informal consultations
(closed)Conference
Room 6

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. David Prendergast (Jamaica), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.8 (Triennial Policy Review) (item 95); A/C.2/53/L.17 (Implementing Conventions related to environment) (item 94); A/C.2/53/L.21 (Report of the Governing Council of United Nations Conference on Environment Programme) (item 94)

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.14 (Renewal of the dialogue) (item 93(d)); A/C.2/53/L.20 (Globalization and interdependence)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.

37th meeting

Conference
Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System (A/53/573 and A/53/7/Add.7)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

Procurement reform and outsourcing (A/52/338 and Add.1, A/52/887, A/52/1010, A/C.5/52/46, A/53/271 and Add.1, A/53/692)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Human resources management [119]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/691)

Introduction and general discussion

4. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135] (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)

5. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137] (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659)

Morning*-
1 p.m.informal consultations
(closed)Conference
Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of Conferences (A/53/32 and Corr.1, A/51/946, A/52/7, A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16, A/53/21, A/53/221, A/53/257, A/53/508 and A/53/669)

* Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

3 p.m.- informal consultations Conference
6 p.m. (closed) Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice and Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 (A/C.5/53/11, A/53/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/53/2) and 111 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/52/5 (Vol. II), A/53/5 (Vol. I, III and IV), A/53/5/Add.1-10, A/53/335 and Add.1, A/53/217, A/52/811, A/52/879, A/53/513))

6.30 p.m.- informal consultations Conference
9.30 p.m. (closed) Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134)

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

*International Day of Solidarity
with the Palestinian People*

10.30 a.m.- Trusteeship
1 p.m. 242nd meeting Council
Chamber

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room 10

3 p.m. Conference
6.00 p.m. closed meeting Room 10

Subject

United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 30 November 1998

GROUP OF 77

*(on the forty-third session of the Commission on the
Status of Women: organization of work)*

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
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There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution submitted under agenda 41 (The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina), organized by the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina, on Monday, 30 November 1998, from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

GROUP OF 77

(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
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LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 1 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9 a.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

- a) Agenda item 167 (Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo)
- b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Dominican Republic (A/53/234)

10 a.m. 74th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [39]:

- (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/53/35)
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/652)
- (c) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.48, A/53/L.49, A/53/L.50 and A/53/L.51)

3 p.m. 75th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [40]:

- a) Reports of the Secretary General (A/53/550 and A/53/652)
- b) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.52 and A/53/L.53)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. informal consultations
(closed) Conference
Room 6

3 p.m. 42nd meeting Conference
Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 38th meeting Conference
Room 3

Morning* informal consultations
(closed) Conference
Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

SECOND COMMITTEE

Keynote presentation

There will be an address on the theme "What's Wrong with Current Economics?", sponsored by the Second Committee, on Tuesday, 1 December 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Mr. Paul P. Streeten, eminent economist and Chairman of the Editorial Board of the journal *World Development*, will make a presentation. H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Chairman of the Second Committee, will chair the meeting. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

The Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council will hold its first meeting for the fifty-third session organizational matters (appointment of vice-chairmen) on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Thursday, 3 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Working Group on the Optional Protocol will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Second session*List of speakers*

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open in Dakar. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: Dakar (221-8201515 or 221-8202122, extension 5623/4).

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place over the whole day on Friday, 11 December 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The meeting will be devoted to the Year 2000 Issue. It will focus on international cooperation, contingency planning for priority sectors and crisis management.

National Y2K Coordinators from all Member States have been invited. In order to help the developing countries and countries in transition ensure their participation, limited funding to cover costs of travel and stay has been made available by the Trust Fund of the World Bank on a first-come-first-served basis. All delegations are invited to participate.

Further information can be requested from the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat (Mr. Eduardo Blinder (tel.: 212-963-8194, fax: 212-963-0952, e-mail: blinder @un.org)).

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Informal consultations

H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh) will coordinate informal consultations on the adoption of the draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Culture of Peace (agenda item 31) on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal briefing

There will be a briefing by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea on the theme "Seoul Forum: Asia-Africa Cooperation in Export Promotion (14-16 December 1998)", as well as on the International Expert Meeting on "Sustainable Consumption Patterns: Trends and Traditions in East Asia" (27-29 January 1999) on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal meeting

The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO) will hold a meeting to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on the theme "CONGO at fifty: a reaffirmation of commitment". The event, sponsored by the Department of Public Information, will take place on Thursday, 3 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The keynote speaker will be Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the accredited media are invited to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 30 November, to Sunday, 5 December 1998.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for Monday, 30 November 1998, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the film entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" on Monday, 30 November, at 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The same film as well as a film entitled "Journey to Bethlehem 2000", can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area from 1 to 4 December 1998.

Signing ceremony

Arrangements are being made for a signing ceremony of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to be held at the Secretariat on Monday, 30 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in room S-3205.

All delegations wishing to sign the Statute on this occasion are requested to submit full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 963-5048, fax 963-3693), for verification and to make appointments for signature.

World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day will be observed at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 1 December 1998. The programme, co-sponsored by the Department of Public Information and the

American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR), in association with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), will begin at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, and the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Kensaku Hogen will participate. A panel discussion on "Youth: A Force for Change" with the participation, among others, of actress Sharon Stone, Chairman of AmFar's Campaign for AIDS Research, and James Carmichael, Representative, UNAIDS, will follow. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the accredited media are invited to attend.

Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at United Nations Headquarters

General Assembly

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| 10 a.m. to
1 p.m. | Opening of the plenary meeting |
| | Presentation of the Human Rights Prizes |
| | Statements on the fiftieth anniversary |
| 3 p.m. to
6.15 p.m. | Continuation of the plenary meeting |
| 9.30 p.m. to
11.30 p.m. | Continuation of the plenary meeting |

Other events at Headquarters

*[All events are open to delegations, Secretariat staff,
non-governmental organizations and the media.]*

3-9 December 1998

Human Rights Film Festival, organized by the International Council of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, in cooperation with the United Nations, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium on 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9 December

Screening of films at 6 p.m. each evening, followed by a panel discussion

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| 11.15 a.m. | Press conference of the Human Rights Prize winners [Open to the media only] |
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- 11.45 a.m. Opening of the UNICEF exhibit, entitled "Child Rights: A New Era for Children", by Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, and Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts (Main gallery of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)
- 12.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "For Everyone, Everywhere" (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)
- 1.05 p.m. Opening of the DPI Human Rights Exhibit by the Secretary-General, with the President of the General Assembly, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Human Rights Prize winners (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)
- 1.15 p.m. Second screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "For Everyone, Everywhere" (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)
- 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. UNICEF, UNHCR and Amnesty International presentation on the theme "For the Worldwide Right to Asylum", hosted by Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts, with statements by senior United Nations officials, human rights advocates and artists (Conference Room 1)
- 5.30 p.m. Presentation of children's passport version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the Secretary-General by United Nations Messengers of Peace (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)
- 6.30 p.m. Special event, including an introduction of the Human Rights Prize winners and the presentation of the Human Rights Website of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 250 languages, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino, the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights and the Department of Public Information (DPI), followed by a reception, hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

8 p.m. to

9.15 p.m. Recital by Luciano Pavarotti and Wynton Marsalis (General Assembly Hall). *Tickets to be issued.*

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Sudan

H.E. Mr. Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa

Asian States:

Oman

H.E. Mr. Fuad Mubarak Al-Hinai

Eastern European States:

Romania

H.E. Mr. Ion Gorita

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Ecuador

H.E. Mr. Emilio Izquierdo

Chargé d'affaires

Western European and Other States:

Australia

H.E. Ms. Penelope Anne Wensley